

849-901

Reigned 871 → 901

Alfred the Great, king of West Saxons in England

Was born 849 at Wantage in Berkshire. He was youngest son of King ETHELWULF, but when his brother ETHELRED died in 871, Alfred was declared king by Universal consent

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Pope Leo's victory over Saracens (Ostia)
Alfred the Great born,

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King Alfred

Time - Keeping Candles of beeswax
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Alfred the Great : Candle-clock(?)

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As for the Chamber refers to time-keeping candles devised by King Alfred (849-901). These were of beeswax, and six of them each weighing 12 silver pence were designed to burn for a total of 24 hours. It was because they would not burn steadily in draughts that Alfred then invented the 'Ant-horn' or lantern, encased in thin shavings

shavings of translucent horn.